

DIVORCEE INDICTED IN KENNEDY CASE

Arthur C. Burch Also Held on Murder Charge.

WIDOW CALLS EX-HUSBAND

Mrs. Obenchain Sends Telegram to Man She Left Asking Him to Come at Once.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Aug. 11.—Arthur C. Burch of Evanston, Ill., was indicted here today by the Los Angeles grand jury, the indictment charging him with the murder of John Belton Kennedy in Beverly Glen on the night of Friday, August 5, when Kennedy was killed by a shotgun wound in the back of his head.

Mrs. Madalynne Obenchain of Chicago and Los Angeles, who was with Kennedy at the time, was also indicted for murder. Mrs. Obenchain has been held in jail as a material witness since the night of the shooting, when she reported it hysterically to passers-by in Beverly Glen and later told a story in the sheriff's office, throwing the blame for the shooting on two unidentified men, who were said to have talked with a foreign agent.

Judge Reeves of the superior court remanded both prisoners to the county jail for Monday.

Fifteen Witnesses Called.

Fifteen persons were named by the district attorney's office today as under subpoena to testify before the Los Angeles county grand jury summoned to meet in special session in regard to the slaying of J. Belton Kennedy. It was intimated that they would be called whose names were kept secret.

Evidence Is Focused.

The first indictments today brought to a focus the few glimmers of evidence that at first were seen about the shooting of Kennedy, which have been reinforced and increased from day to day as the officers have patiently followed out and untangled the many peculiar threads of circumstance interwoven with the case.

Mrs. Obenchain, who is the daughter of a Los Angeles woman, and of a father now dead, ran hysterically down to the house of her son, Kennedy's little summer home in Beverly Glen late last Friday night and told two passing men that Mr. Kennedy had been shot. She then, she said, saw he was beyond help, and took Mrs. Obenchain in an automobile to the Beverly Hills police station, several miles from the scene. There she told officers that Kennedy had been shot down by two men who dressed men, who had evidently waited in ambush and who had fled by automobile. Her story was reported to the Los Angeles county, which sent out investigators and caused Mrs. Obenchain to be held as a witness.

Statement Is Refused.

Burch has positively refused to attempt to account for his actions Friday evening, the night of the murder. He intimated in several conversations that he was in Beverly Glen, but made no definite statement of his whereabouts. Today he was taken into the grand jury room, but remained only a moment. Mrs. Obenchain also was taken in, but quickly. The circumstances led attaches to express the belief that each had declined to testify.

OBENCHAIN ON WAY TO WEST

Ex-Husband Responds to Appeal of Divorced Wife.

CHICAGO, Aug. 11.—Ralph O. Obenchain tonight started to the aid of his ex-wife, held with A. C. Burch in connection with the murder of J. Belton Kennedy at his bungalow near Los Angeles.

Within less than an hour after the receipt of a telegraphic appeal from the woman he had given up because of her admitted share in the slaying, Obenchain had closed and locked his law offices and was preparing to rush to her defense in answer to his pledge that he would aid her in her "hour of need."

"I love her now just as I have always loved her," he reiterated while boarding a train for Los Angeles. "I also am convinced of her absolute innocence of any connection with this tragedy and will help her to the full extent of my ability to prove it beyond all question of doubt."

WHEAT BILL REPORTED

Federal Grades of Spring Cereal Would Be Modified.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 11.—A bill by Representative Henry D. Darrow, republican, Minnesota, to modify federal grades of spring wheat was reported favorably today by the house agriculture committee.

The measure provides that all foreign matter in grading of wheat shall be counted as dockage and that moisture in excess of 14½ per cent shall be designated on the grade certificate and shall not affect the grade.

EDUCATORS AT HONOLULU

Many States and Countries Represented at Conference.

HONOLULU, Aug. 11.—Leading educators of states and countries touched by the Pacific ocean have been arriving in Honolulu for several days to attend the annual conference of the Pan-Pacific educational conference, which is to continue for two weeks.

General sessions, to be held in the old throne room of the capitol, will be presided over by David Starr Jordan, chancellor of Leland Stanford Junior university.

MT. HOOD UNIT FORMED

Development Organization Ready to Boost Scenic Attraction.

The Mount Hood Development association, which was authorized Wednesday night at a gathering of city, county and state officials and prominent business men, with a view

to co-ordinating the various forces engaged in the development of the scenic attractions of the state, was organized yesterday with Leslie Butler as chairman and Sidney B. Vincent, secretary.

The following are members of the board of directors: B. E. Van Duzer, W. J. Hofmann, Eric W. Hauser, W. C. Culbertson, Phil Metcahan, Henry J. Ottenheimer, Cameron Squires, George Lawrence, Jr., Fred H. Kiser and Louis A. McArthur.

It was decided that the first activity would be the development of the scenic attractions of Mount Hood and a subcommittee was appointed to take care of this work. This committee is composed of Harry P. Smith, Wheeler, Rufus C. Holman, Thomas Sherrard and E. O. Blancher of Hood River.

It is planned to have the new organization work in conjunction with the state tourist and information bureau.

EXPORTS, IMPORTS DROP

COUNTRY'S TRADE BALANCE FOR JULY FAVORABLE.

Imports for Month \$178,000,000 Against \$185,000,000 in June and \$651,000,000 in 1920.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 11.—Exports and imports continued to decline steadily since July but the country's trade for the month resulted in a favorable balance of \$14,000,000, according to a statement issued by the commerce department. Exports for the month aggregated \$322,000,000, as compared with \$226,000,000 the previous month and \$651,000,000 in July, 1920.

Imports for July totaled \$178,000,000, against \$185,000,000 last month, and \$657,000,000 in July a year ago. For the seven months ending with July, exports amounted to \$2,866,000,000 as against \$4,897,000,000 during the same months last year, while imports aggregated \$1,996,000,000, as compared with \$3,481,000,000 during the corresponding period of 1920. Exports of gold for July totaled \$64,268,000, as against \$19,817,000 in the same month of 1920, while exports of gold amounted to \$3,734,000, as compared with \$21,872,000 in July last year. Silver imports for the month aggregated \$4,519,000, as compared with \$1,610,000 in the same month last year, while exports were \$5,112,000, as against \$5,494,000 in July, 1920.

SCHOOLS GET MORE CASH

Pupils in Private Institutions to Draw Money for Districts.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Aug. 11.—A school district is entitled to apportionment of school funds based upon the attendance of all children in that district even if the children do not attend the public school, but a state school in the same district, according to an opinion given by Attorney General Thompson to Josephine Clark Preston, superintendent of public instruction.

The principal of every private school must make a sworn report on or before June 30 of each year, to the clerk of the district in which any pupil attending such school is enrolled, telling the actual days of attendance in the private school during the preceding school year, according to the provision of the state school law.

CARNIVAL TO BE STAGED

Pendleton Business Men Arrange for Three-Day Event.

PENDLETON, Or., Aug. 11.—(Special.)—Pendleton business men stage a merchants' and manufacturers' carnival in Happy Canyon, where the night feature of the annual round-up is held, on August 29 and 31. The exhibit will be similar to one fostered by the merchants' committee of the commercial association last June at which more than 40 exhibitors had booths, entailing an outlay of \$2000. More extensive plans are being made for the fall carnival, with a style show as a feature.

Charles Bond is general chairman of the carnival committee, Phil Rounds chairman of the entertainment and Carl Kopf of the decorators' committee. Other members of the committee include R. D. Sayres and Carl Cooley.

SPEEDER IS FINED \$45

Tacoma Man First Offender Under New State Law.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Aug. 11.—(Special.)—A warrant for the arrest of Mike Furrin of Tacoma, the first motorist caught speeding by Commander Lang of the state highway patrol, has been served on Furrin because he failed to comply with instructions of the Tacoma chief of police, according to Commander Lang, and his fine has been placed at \$45.

President Summons McNary.

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, D. C., Aug. 11.—Senator McNary received a call from the White House today to confer with the president tomorrow morning. No information was afforded as to the purpose of the conference, but Senator McNary was of the opinion the president desired to discuss with him the terms of the farmers' finance bill which recently passed the senate and which was sponsored by the Oregon senator.

Women Who Loved too well

Mary Garden, the most famous living grand opera prima donna, lays bare in the September McCall's the love lives of Salome, Thais, and Marguerite, those famous heroines of history and legend, whose passionate characters she has so superbly portrayed.

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FORD HANDICAPPED IN POLITICAL FIELD

Narrow Genius Declared to Be Solely Industrial.

PUBLIC EYE CAPTIVATED

Auto Magnate Called Possibility as Presidential Candidate Despite Limitations.

BY MARK SULLIVAN.

(Copyright by The New York Evening Post, Inc. Published by Arrangement.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 11.—(Special.)—Except for one or two handicaps, Henry Ford would be a serious political potentiality. His figure is always among the shadows in the background of the democratic party, and the quality of personality which injects him into the news every few days, usually in a role that commands him to large groups of the public, causes him to have a frequent place in the future speculations of political managers.

Of course not all of the recent publicity about Mr. Ford is founded on the facts. The dispatches from various points which represent him as the public with a large number of commodities at Ford prices, probably represent the hopes of local communities which would like to see these plants start up again rather than any definite action that Mr. Ford has taken. Doubtless a great many things are being offered to Mr. Ford, in these days of forced liquidation, but there is no authentic information that Mr. Ford is accepting them all.

One Offer Made.

The only war plant that Washington knows Mr. Ford to have made an offer for is the government project at Mussel Shoals, Ala. It is a fact that Mr. Ford is in negotiation for that, although the initiative came not from Mr. Ford, but from a government official seeking to salvage the plant, which however, little out of the \$75,000,000 which the government has spent on a project still incomplete. Mr. Ford has indicated this suggestion favorably, has made a tentative offer and may go further. Whether he does or not, the wide publicity given his announced purpose to use the plant, if he gets it, in order to make fertilizer for the farmers at a very low price, has him as a public figure in the eyes of large groups of voters who have already been favorably impressed by his past performances in the same direction of furnishing improved commodities at low prices.

The picture which the public got of Mr. Ford last winter, as being "in a hole financially," as being about to be taken to Wall street to undergo a dramatic escape from his situation by sheer boldness and resourcefulness, was so likely to commend him to the political sentiment of large sections of the west that it might be suspected of being manufactured publicity if so many well-informed persons did not know the degree of truth in it.

The same might be said of the news which pictured Mr. Ford, as a railroad owner, reducing freight rates so fast that the government machinery for registering the reductions can't keep up with him. Mr. Ford as the builder and director of industrial plants is a special individual genius. He does it all on a one-man basis. He does it out of the power in his own personality in this line.

If this method has its advantages it has also its defects. Ford's personal achievements are in contrast with the building up of great institutions which will run regardless of any one president or genius.

Ability Declared Narrow. His intense and narrow genius for individual management of industries is simple and wholly unadorned. It is his limitation outside his own field that caused him, in the role of periodical owner, to do things that are absurd, wanton and grossly unfair. In the qualities ordinarily associated with the management of the United States, Ford is almost wholly lacking.

Mr. Ford had come to the senate after his fight with Newberry four years ago. It is a guess what kind of public figure he would cut today. With equal ease he might have become a great leader or a great failure. The particular kind of stature that he has. There will be another senatorial election in Michigan next year, and in the lack of outstanding presidential material in the democratic party, Mr. Ford always has a speculative place in the speculations of party leaders.

JOHN L. CARLSON DEAD Pioneer Canneryman of Pacific Coast Succumbs in North.

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 11.—(Special.)—John L. Carlson, one of the pioneer cannerymen of the Pacific coast, died in Juneau, Alaska, late Tuesday night, according to word received here today. The body will be brought to Seattle on one of the first boats arriving from the north by his son, William O. Carlson, who was with him at the time of his death. He was well known in Portland and Astoria where he visited frequently.

Carlson was born in Stockholm, Sweden, 74 years ago and came to the United States in 1869. He came to the Pacific coast shortly after his arrival in America and engaged in the oyster business in California. About 50 years ago he started in the salmon business on the Columbia and Umpqua rivers and made his headquarters at Astoria, where he resided for 30 years. In 1901 Carlson started a cannery at Taku Inlet, near Juneau, and later operated canneries at Chikilak and Taku harbor, selling the latter cannery to Libby, McNeill & Libby about five years ago. When he died he was in Juneau on business connected with his cannery at Auk harbor, a short distance north of that place.

He is survived by three sons, Axel J. and Ludwig J. of Seattle, and William O. Carlson of Juneau.

WIDOW'S VIGIL FUTILE

CLIMBER'S WIFE REMAINS FOR EIGHT DAYS ON EDGE.

Attempts of Devoted Spouse to Reach Body That Dropped 700 Feet Prove Unavailing.

TORONTO, Aug. 11.—Details of the recovery of the body of Dr. W. H. Stone, ex-president of Purdue uni-

versity, who fell to his death from the top of Mount Eonan, a peak never before reached by mountain climbers, was revealed in a dispatch to the Star from Banff.

Members of the searching party said they found Dr. Stone's body 700 feet below the peak of the mountain, which is 10,700 feet high. All indications pointed to the fact that the body had fallen several hundred feet to a ledge where it was found by Rudolph Eamorr, a Swiss guide.

Dispatches said the body probably would be sent to Lafayette, Ind., for burial.

Mrs. Stone, who was with her husband when he was killed and who remained on a mountain ledge for

eight days after she fell, in an unsuccessful attempt to reach the body, has arrived at a camp 22 miles from Banff. She is making rapid progress toward recovery.

3000 OFFICERS WANTED

First and Second Lieutenants Are Needed in Ninth Corps Area.

TACOMA, Wash., Aug. 11.—(Special.)—Major-General W. M. Wright, commanding the Ninth corps area, has been ordered by the war department to fill vacancies in the grades of first and second lieutenants in the army. It was announced at Camp

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